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## Sex, Wheels & Relationships IV

Wednesday, October 29th, 2008 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm Bloorview Kids Rehab – Cafeteria 150 Kilgour Road (north-east of Eglinton and Bayview), Toronto

Featuring a performance and keynote by Spirit Synott (right)

eing sexual is a condition of being human from the day you are born. Whether you're thinking about intimacy in a new relationship, or you've been "committed" for years and you're getting out of rehab soon, sexuality is bound to be a subject raising lots of questions. You may be surprised to know there's no great mystery to it. No matter who you are or what's going on in your life, you have to figure out what you've got and how to use it. Living with a spinal cord injury or other physical disability may change your options, but it doesn't mean you can't have a fulfilling sex life.

There are 3 universal keys to a healthy sex life: Body Image, Self Esteem and Communication. **Sex**, **Wheels & Relationships IV** is designed to help you examine how your disability has affected the way you see yourself as a sexual being.

Our keynote speaker Spirit Synott and her partner will perform a dance that guarantees to move and inspire you with its romantic expression. Following, Spirit will talk about her personal journey toward acceptance and fulfillment as a person beyond her disability.

This forum is *free* to all CPA
Ontario members plus one guest (minimum age 16). Non-members are
welcome to come for an entry fee of
\$10, plus they'll receive a full year's complimentary membership!

Sex, Wheels & Relationships IV Membership Forum Schedule: 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm Registration and Social



5:15 pm Performance and Keynote Address: Spirit Synott, Dancer 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Dinner 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm Peer to Peer Conversation. Choose the topics that interest you and join in small group discussions to see how your peers have navigated the choppy waters of dating and relationships with a disability. Take your pick from:

**Saturday Night Fever** – all about getting back into the dating scene! **Finding your E-Zone** – everybody's different: what feels good for you?

How Can I Get It If I Can't Get It Up?

- practical advice from guys who know.

The Rules of Attraction – it goes way beyond how you look!

**8:30 pm to 8:45 pm** Closing Remarks, prize giveaways

All details are subject to change.

SPACE IS LIMITED – Sign up today!
For more information and to register, please contact Ann Kennedy at 416-422-5644, ext. 249 or email memberforumrsvp@cpaont.org

For ongoing updates on speakers and the forum program, visit www.cpaont.org

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